

The New Zealand Memorial Scroll

Army Department,
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THE following conditions relating to the institution and issue of the New Zealand Memorial Scroll are hereby published for general information.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL SCROLL

1. His Majesty the King has approved the institution of a Memorial Scroll to commemorate those who lost their lives as a result of war service during the second World War.

2. The Scroll is surmounted by the royal arms in colour (with supporters) and is inscribed as follows:—

THIS SCROLL COMMEMORATES

[Rank and name]

[Arm of Service]

HELD IN HONOUR AS ONE WHO
SERVED KING AND COUNTRY IN
THE WORLD WAR OF 1939-1945
AND GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE
MANKIND FROM TYRANNY. MAY
HIS SACRIFICE HELP TO BRING
THE PEACE AND FREEDOM FOR
WHICH HE DIED.

3. (a) The persons eligible for the Scroll shall be the next-of-kin of New Zealand servicemen who lost their lives while on service as New Zealand servicemen during the period commencing on the 3rd day of September, 1939, and ended on the 2nd September, 1945, or who have died or subsequently die from causes attributable to that service.

(b) The next-of-kin eligible for the Scroll shall be the surviving relative (whether by marriage, blood, or legal adoption) of the deceased serviceman who is first in the following order of priority: Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister, eldest surviving half-brother, eldest surviving half-sister: Provided that the Minister of Defence may in his discretion direct that the Scroll be issued to a relative of the deceased serviceman who, in the opinion of the Minister, is more entitled to receive the Scroll than the next-of-kin determined in accordance with the foregoing order of priority.

4. New Zealand servicemen shall include—

(a) All those persons, male or female, who served during the war in any branch of His Majesty's Forces in New Zealand, or who having been ordinarily resident in New Zealand at any time during the period of sixteen years prior to the 3rd day of September, 1945, served during the war in any of the armed forces of His Majesty or any of His allies.

(b) All those persons, male or female, born in New Zealand or domiciled in New Zealand during any part of the period from the 3rd day of September, 1939, to the 2nd day of September, 1945, who served during the war in any capacity in a British ship or in any ship of the mercantile marine of any of His Majesty's allies.

5. If any question arises as to the issue of or eligibility for the Scroll it shall be decided by the Minister of Defence, whose decision shall be final.